

19. The method of claim 1 wherein said growth factor-containing composition comprises nerve growth factor.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein said growth factor-containing composition comprises vitamin A.

21. The method of claim 1 wherein said growth factor-containing composition comprises growth hormone.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. An appendix with the pending claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Support for new claims 12-21 is found in original claim 2 and at least on page 4, lines 25-32 through page 6, lines 1-3.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner states the members of the Markush grouping are not art recognized growth factors. Claim 2 has been amended such that a Markush grouping is no longer used. Separate dependent claims, 12-21, have been added to claim the remaining growth factors listed in original claim 2.

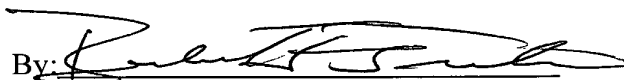
Applicants submit the claims are now in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is respectfully solicited. If after review, the Examiner feels there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68752/RFT/RMS).

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